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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-55. (Canceled)

56. (New) A leather article, comprising:

a leather base and a waterproof layer which is coated on said leather base;

a solid state piece having a volume of 10 mm³ or less fixed directly to said leather base with a hot-melt adhesive through said waterproof layer, wherein a fixed portion of said leather base directly underneath said solid state piece has a density higher than a portion not included in said fixed portion.

57. (New) The leather article of Claim 56, wherein said solid state piece is one of glass, stone, pottery, porcelain, metal and resin.

58. (New) The leather article of Claim 56, wherein said solid state piece is crystal glass.

59. (New) The leather article of Claim 56, wherein a bottom of said solid state piece is fixed to said leather base with the hot-melt adhesive, and wherein a side face of said solid state piece is contacted with said waterproof layer.

60. (New) A leather article, comprising:

a leather base and a waterproof layer which is coated on said leather base, wherein a solid state piece having a volume of 10 mm³ or less is fixed directly to said leather base with a hot-melt adhesive through said waterproof layer by means for ultrasonic vibration,

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wherein a fixed portion of said leather base directly underneath said solid state piece has a density higher than a portion not included in said fixed portion by means for compressing said solid state piece.

61. (New) The leather article of Claim 60, wherein said solid state piece is one of glass, stone, pottery, porcelain, metal and resin.

62. (New) The leather article of Claim 60, wherein said solid state piece is crystal glass.

63. (New) The leather article of Claim 60, wherein a side face of said solid state piece is contacted with said waterproof layer.

64. (New) A leather article comprising:
a leather base;
a waterproof layer coated along a surface of said leather base;
a solid state piece having a volume of 10 mm³ or less adhered directly to said leather base with a hot-melt adhesive;

wherein said waterproof layer is at least partially transmuted or removed at the interface between the solid state piece and leather base;

and wherein a portion of said leather base at the interface between the leather base and solid state piece is thinner in thickness than a portion of said leather base not contacting said solid state piece.

65. (New) The leather article of Claim 64, wherein a portion of said leather base at the interface between the leather base and solid state piece has a higher density than a portion of said leather base not contacting said solid state piece.